was implemented in the State of Gujarat from 1990-91 to 1993-94. From the year 1994-95 a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Cereals development programme in Coarse Cereals based Cropping system areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) is under implementation in the state of Gujarat.

The emphasis under ICDP-Coarse Cereals is laid on cropping system for improvement in productivity of cereal crops including Rice and Wheat, in the Coarse Cereal based cropping system areas of the State. Under the above scheme, assistance is provided to the farmers for seed distribution, field demonstrations, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstration, improved farm implements, Farmers training, Productivity awards, Hybrid seed (Rabi '96) and sprinkler sets etc.

(c) to (e) The ICDP (Coarse Cereals) scheme is being implemented in 170 identified blocks having low Coarse cereals/Rice/Wheat productivity which is below State/National average and having comparatively larger area under cereal crops. Under the scheme assistance for multi crop threshers is being given. Power tillers is not an approved component under the scheme. There is no assistance being provided for pesticides in the ICDP programmes.

[English]

Directorate of Water Management Research

2619. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is thinking to shift the Directorate of Water Management Research at Rahuri, District Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, and

(b) if so, the place of its proposed shifting and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The Project Directorate on Water Management Research located at Rahuri has already been shifted to Patna on 5th August, 1996 on the recommendations of an expert Committee appointed by ICAR. However, a zonal coordinating unit has been retained at Rahuri to coordinate the water management and related research issues of Western Region of the country.

Central State Farm

2620. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the profit/loss earned/incurred by the Central State Farm, Aralam (Kerala) during 1994, 1995 and 1996;

(b) the details of proposals for expansion of this farm; and

(c) the allocation made for the development of this farm during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The details of profit/loss of the Central State Farm, Aralam during the period from 1993-94 to 1995-96 are as under:

Year	Profit (+)/Loss(-) (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	(-) 86.22
1994-95	(-) 39.81
1995-96	(+) 10.24 (Estimated)

(b) For expansion of Central State Farm, Aralam, there are programmes for construction of modern copra drier, establishment of coconut shell powder mills, establishment of coconut fibre extraction unit, drying yard, barbed wire fencing (20 km) against wild animal damage, construction of store building, drip irrigation and creation of drainage channel.

(c) The allocation for development of the Central State Farm, Aralam during 1995-96 is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

(i)	Plantation	204
(ii)	Vehicle/Machinery	1
(iii)	Residential Building	5
(iv)	Others	5

Road on Indo-Bangladesh Border

2621. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to construct road on the Indo-Bangladesh Border, and

(b) if so, the proposed length of the road and the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the length of roads including bridges and estimated cost thereof are as under:

State	Road (Kms)	Bridge (Mtrs)	Cost Estimates (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4
Assam	192	5521	9663
Meghalaya	208	1399	5189
West Bengal	1770	12562	40000

1	2	3	4
Tripura	514	3519	13366
Mizoram	100	704	2096
Total	2784	23805	70314

Allocation of funds is decided annually on the basis of action plan for construction during the year.

Gas Based Fertilizer Plant

2622. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a gas based fertilizer plant in the country during 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). As per the Industrial Policy statement issued by Government on 24th July, 1991, no industrial licence is now required for setting up a fertilizer plant. The entrepreneurs are free to set up fertilizer projects anywhere in India subject to environment clearance. The following fertilizer plants with dual feedstock (gas and/or naphtha) facilities are under implementation in the country.

S. No.	Name of the Company/Cooperative	Estimated Capital Cost (in) (Rs. crore)	Production envisaged		Expected date of commissioning (in lakh MTPA)
			Product	Capacity	
1.	Expansion of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) Aonla (U.P.) Unit	960.00	Urea	7.26	Urea was first produced in trial run on 26.11.1996.
2.	Expansion of IFFCO's Kalol (Gujarat) Unit	119.08	Urea	1.50	01.09.1997
3.	Expansion of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), Vijaipur (M.P.) Unit	987.30	Urea	7.26	01.01.1997
4.	Expansion of Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (NFCL) Kakinada (A.P.) Unit	969-98	Urea	4.95	01.02.1998

Welfare Schemes for Assam

2623. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the welfare schemes sponsored by the Ministry being implemented in Assam for the last three years.

(b) the amount provided for these schemes, year-wise along with the targets and achievements made thereunder; and

(c) the number of families benefited under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c). A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		Amount released	No. of beneficiaries	Amount released	No. of beneficiaries	Amount released	No. of beneficiaries
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Scheduled Caste Development						
1.	Coaching and Allied	0.62	NA	-	-	1.93	NA
2.	Boys Hostels	-	-	9.00	72	9.00	144
3.	Girls Hostels	-	-	9.00	72	9.00	144